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and first fort-night of October, which was met by the import from adjoining area by the ryots themselves. After the recent rains there is no scarcity.

It is also reported that the District Development Council meeting held on 26th October 1961 discussed the seasonal conditions and it was generally agreed that the situation did not warrant any relief measures being taken immediately. The Collector and other officers are touring the area intensively, watching the seasonal conditions and keeping Government informed of further developments. If seasonal conditions warrant relief measures prompt action will be taken. As the situation is at present, there is no cause for alarm.

IV.—ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(1) BILLS PASSED BY THE COUNCIL.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I have to announce to the House that the following Bills have been passed by the Legislative Council without any amendments :—

1. The Madras Aided Institutions (Prohibition of Transfer of Property) (Extension to Pudukottai) Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 55 of 1961).

2. The Madras Gift Goods (Unlawful Possession) Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 55 of 1961)

3. The Madras Local Authorities Finance Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 34 of 1961).

4. The Madras City Municipal Amendment Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 35 of 1961).

V.—PRESENTATION OF REPORTS.

(1) THE COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES

SRI C. R. RAMASWAMI : Sir, I present the Sixteenth Report (Second Assembly) of the Committee on Commercial Taxes Department (General Sales Tax).

(2) THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

* SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR : Sir, I beg leave to present the Report of the Public Accounts Committee for the year 1959–60 and the Audit Report for 1961.

In this connexion I want to tell the House that we concluded our deliberations only day before yesterday. I am proud to tell the House that our State leads the rest of India and that we have completed the scrutiny of 1959–60 accounts. We concluded our deliberations only day before yesterday and the report has been